

REMARKS**In the Specification:**

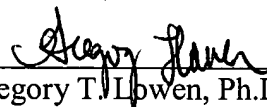
The requested amendment to the specification corrects typographical errors wherein the subject application is erroneously referred to as a divisional application rather than a continuation application, and the filing date of the parent application is erroneously referred to May 17, 2000 rather than May 11, 2000.

In the Claims:

Claims 1-17 have been canceled. Claims 18, 19, 22-28 and 30-33 have been amended. After entry of the amendments, claims 18-34 will be pending.

The amendments to claims 18, 22, 26 and 30 limit the vinyl sulfone to divinyl sulfone. The amendments to claims 19 and 27 incorporate the limitations of the non-aqueous solvent previously recited in claims 18 and 26, respectively. The amendments to claims 23, 24 and 31-33 change claim dependency. The amendments to claims 25 and 28 correct obvious typographical errors. These amendments are fully supported throughout the specification. No new matter has been introduced by any of the amendments.

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